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REMARKS

Record is made of a telephonic interview between applicant's representative and the Examiner which took place on March 14, 2007. The Examiner is thanked for his help and assistance as well as for the courtesies extended to Counsel at that time. During the course of the interview, the Examiner provided a reasoning for considering claim 9 as being drawn to a non-elected species. More specifically, the Examiner noted that paragraph [0029] of the specification describes, with reference to the elected Fig. 4, the provision of casting compound between the permanent magnets, whereas claim 9 sets forth the provision of casting compound between the carriers. Accordingly, applicant has been labeled with the identifier "withdrawn". In addition, applicant presents herewith a new claim 17 which sets forth the provision of casting compound between the permanent magnets, as set forth in paragraph [0029].

This application is now in order for early action at least on the merits of claims 1-8, 10, 12-15, 17.

Respectfully submitted.

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